

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No: 09/915,691 **Group Art Unit:** 3622
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Title: Method and Apparatus for Redeeming of Coupons via a Wireless
Communication Device

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
(Corrected Amendment)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/01/06, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, corrected to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 06/20/07. According to the Examiner during the telephonic interview of 03/22/07, Examiner has intended to withdraw the final rejection against the present application and reopen prosecution with the aforementioned non-final Office Action, having a shortened statutory reply period and the availability of a conventional extension of time.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment disclosed two errors in Applicants' amendment filed 03/29/07: 1) A copy of claims 34-36 was not provided in the 03/29/07 amendment and 2) argument pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the newly presented claims patentable over the applied references is missing. With regard to 1), above, the reference to claims extending to claim 36 is a typographic error and should extend the claims to claim 33; this correction has been made. With regard to 2), above,

argument has been made in the penultimate paragraph of this corrected Amendment. Additionally, the status of claims 4-23 has been identified in Attachment 1.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 3 as shown in Attachment 1.

Please add new claims 24-33 as shown in Attachment 1.

Upon entry, the listing of claims in Attachment 1 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

In the Specification:

An error in the reference number "102" in the last line of paragraph 0013 has been detected. The correct reference number is --106--. Applicants have attached a marked up replacement paragraph in Attachment 2.

An ambiguity in the IEEE specification number exists in paragraph 0015. Applicants have attached a marked up replacement paragraph in Attachment 3.

REMARKS

Examiner's telephone interview of March 22, 2007 is sincerely appreciated. Applicants believe Examiner has REOPENED PROSECUTION of the present Application after Applicants' Appeal Brief.

Examiner has objected to the claim of a "private" wireless receiver, network, etc. Applicant has deleted the limitation in the claims.

Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for the following reasons: (1) Examiner believes the claims include method steps. Applicants have amended the claims to avoid such confusion. (2) Examiner believes the expression "short range" to be indefinite and undefined in the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, finding clear definition of "short range" at page 6, lines 7-10 ("...reliable communications over a distance of meters or tens of meters..."). Moreover, Applicants provided an example (at page 6, lines 10-12) of a short range technology -